

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1745.

There is at present a prevailing Opinion, that the French will attack either the City of Mons, or that of Namur, next Campaign, it may not be amiss, at this Juncture, to give an Account of those Places; especially at a Time when we have no Mails, and, consequently, very little News, that is worthy the Reader's Notice.

Mons, which is the Capital of the French Province of Hainault, and one of the finest Cities in the Country. It derives its Name from its Situation in Latitence, and therefore the Dutch call it *Monsieur*. It lies 16 Miles S. W. of Brussels, and 29 West of Namur. It is naturally very strong, as the Countess about it can be easily overflow'd by the Waters of the Haine and Trouille, near the Confluence of the Rivers it stands, the latter running through it. It is very well fortified, and has a good Citadel. The Buildings of the Town are stately and beautiful, the Streets large, and the Market-Place very spacious, and remarkably well supplied with Water by a Multitude of Conduits, which render it very clean, and very pleasant. It is a Place of good Trade, and has several Manufactures, especially of Sayes, Grograms, and Sorts of Camblets. It was taken from the King of France by the French in 1691, but was restored by the Treaty of Ryswick. On the Death of K. Charles II. it was taken by the French, and was restored by the Treaty of Utrecht. It was taken by the French in 1691, but was restored by the Treaty of Ryswick. On the Death of K. Charles II. it was taken by the French, and was restored by the Treaty of Utrecht.

Namur, which is the Capital of a Province of the same Name, which is generally esteemed one of the 17 Provinces. It is situated in a Bottom, between two Hills, at the Confluence of the Maas and the Sambre; the best Part of the Town is on the River Sambre; and, on the other Side the River, is a high Mountain, on which stands one of the strongest and best fortified Castles in Europe; the Town on a Rock, is extremely well supplied with Water. It was taken by the French in 1692, and was restored by the Treaty of Ryswick. This City is very rich, and is chiefly by the Nobility. The States of the Province hold their Assemblies here, which occasions a great Trade. It is one of the Cities of the French, and of so much the greater Consequence, as it covers Mactricht. The Reason that induces the French to have a Design rather upon Namur, is the Advice we have lately had of their sending a Train of heavy Artillery to Valenciennes, which last Town stands but a few Miles from Mons; whereas, Maubeuge is but a few Miles from Namur. The taking Mons will be a vast Advantage to France, because of the great District between them; and yet would not so much alarm the French, as the late Years, to have alter'd their Front to these Barrier Towns, which they say was expected to their Safety. Yet it is not so much the French King should, at this Juncture, to bring Men enough into the Field to oppose such Importance as this; and have, at the same time, an Army large enough to cover it.

SOME PORTS.

April 8. Arrived the True Briton Privateer from the Coast. Sailed the Sutherland Privateer on a Cruise. April 8. Wind S. W. Came down since my departure with the Outward-bound, the Expedition, and the Dorothy and Elizabeth, Sampson, the George, Raite, for New England; the Sarah, Stone, for Oporto; the Sufanna, White, for Southampton; the John and Elizabeth, Onett, for Happy Greve, Goodridge, both for Dublin; the Return, Gilliam, for Chichester; the Lamb, for Plymouth; the Sarah, Rotter, the Thompson, and the Unity, Thompson, all for Southampton. Arrived the Maryland Merchant, Jermain, Neprune, Danzie, both from Virginia. April 8. Passed by the Neprune, Wigram,

and the Amsterdam Pink, Rankin, both from St. Kitts; and the Charming Molly, Cobham, from Montserrat.

L O N D O N.

The following is an exact List of the Privateers fitted and fitting out from St. Malo's, delivered by a Gentleman who departed from thence March 27, O. S.

Privateers Names	Guns on the Main-Deck	Guns on the Quarter-Deck	Guns Men
Le Barnebas, or Count de Clermont	22	10	32 250
La Grand Biche	22	10	32 300
Le Grand Turk	24	8	32 300
L'Aigle	22	8	30 250
Le Prince de Conti	22	8	30 250
Le St. Michel			20 200
Le Count de Maurepas			20 200
Le Cert			20 200
Le Chien			20 200
Le Catin			18 150
La Revenge, rows with 16 Oars, and sails well			8 40

The above are all at Sea; and most of them have been chased by English Men of War, and are almost sick of the Trade.

Besides these, there are out at Sea

Le Hercus	24	8	32 340
N. B. This Ship was lately chased by an English Man of War till dark; to escape whom, she cut away one Transom, and her Gun-nels to the Deck, and so got away by Favour of the Night. The next Day she took the Bell Frigate, from St. Kitts, whose Back the French broke, by laying her on Shore at St. Malo; by Means whereof her lower Tier of Sugars is entirely damaged.			
Le Lis	22	10	32 250

326 2930

Both these Ships have a great many English and Irish Sailors on board, who are all entertained by Mr. Butler, an Irishman, living at St. Malo, who has several Correspondents in England and Ireland to give him Intelligence.

The under-mentioned three Ships, being new built, are almost finished, and ready for Sea, viz.

La Victorie	26	10	36 400
Le Dragon	24	10	34 300
Le Griffon			20 300

The following three are on the Stocks, and will be ready for Sea in a Month or two, viz.

One of	34	10	44 400
One of	22	8	30 300
A Row-boat, with 20 Oars, to cut Vessels out of Harbours			8 50

Le Prince de Conde, a Ship built about two Years ago, is now fitting out, has two Tiers of Guns, supposed to be going for Cadix; and, when ready, will carry

48 500

Total 546 5180

Le St. Malo of 22 Guns, L'Astre of 20, and the John and Joseph of 30, built for Merchant-Ships, are now laid up, being unfit for Privateers, and dull Sailors.

La Comtesse de la Riviere, of 30 Guns and 250 Men, believed to be taken, is the Ship brought into Kin-sale by the Augusta Man of War.

Next Friday the Right Hon. the Earl of Dunmore, General of Foot, will set out for Flanders.

Last Friday an Account came that the only Son of Dr. Green, Master of his Majesty's Band of Music, who was a Factor in the East Indies, died lately there.

Yesterday Morning died, at the Seat of the Right Honourable the Earl of Halifax, in Northamptonshire, Mr. George Vaux, Steward to his Lordship.

Last Sunday died, at Twickenham, Mr. Joseph Goodacre, an eminent Attorney, and Principal of Clement's Inn.

On Sunday died, in the 60th Year of her Age, at her House at Southgate, near Enfield Chase, Mrs. Jane Templer, Relict of James Templer, Esq; late an eminent

Malt Distiller in Old-street. She was a Daughter of the late Sir Jacob Exeter, Bart.

Last Week the noted Henry Footman, who lately broke out of the Jail at Northampton, was retaken at Stony-Stratford, by a Party of General Wade's Horse, and was conducted to the Jail at Aylesbury.

Last Monday died Mr. Boulby, a wealthy Undertaker in St. Mary Ax.

From the London Gazette.

Jamaica, November 24. On Saturday Noon, the 20th of October last, about Twelve o'Clock, we had the most violent Hurricane that has happened in these Parts in the Memory of Man; the Wind was at E. N. E. and continued so with great Violence till about One o'Clock the next Morning, and then came about to the S. and S. S. W. and continued so till a little after Day-light, when it clearing up a little, the Rippon and Montague were the only two Ships afloat, and they riding without their Masts; but soon after the Gale came on almost as hard as ever, when the latter parted her last Cable, and drove on Shore; and it continued blowing so till near Twelve o'Clock, when the Weather began to break up. The Greenwich Man of War was along-side of the Lark Hulk, preparing to careen when the Hurricane came on; when she and the Hulk both drove, the Greenwich overboard, and the Hulk sunk in Seven Fathom Water, having both the Greenwich's and Thunder Bomb's Guns in; Capt. Allen and 74 Men were drown'd in the Hulk, and a Lieutenant and 84 Men drown'd in the Greenwich, but Part of her Stores have been saved.

The St. Albans drove ashore, and is not like to be got off, but her Stores are saved.

The Bonetta drove ashore, and stove to Pieces, but Part of her Stores are saved.

The Thunder Bomb drove ashore, and is not like to be got off, but most of the Stores saved; she had six Men drown'd.

The rest of his Majesty's Fleet have since been got off, and repairing the Damages they have received.

A great Number of Merchant Ships drove ashore at the same Time.

His Majesty's Ship the Assistance came in here the 23d of September last, and brought with her four Sail of French Prizes that were taken by her and the York; one of which, a Ship from France, laden with Provisions on the King's Account, and some Ordnance Stores for supplying their Fortifications at Hispaniola, taken in the Windward Passage; and three other Ships from that Island, that were bound for Europe, laden with Sugar, Indigo, and Cocos, amounting to a considerable Value, taken under Cape Nicholas; and a Ship from Guinea, which she retook from a Spanish Privateer.

Nothing material has happened here since the 24th of November last, when the Ship Lady Elizabeth was dispatched by Sir Chaloner Ogle, on purpose, to England, with an Account of the Hurricane; on board of which went Capt. Cotton Dent, who had the Misfortune to lose his Majesty's Bomb Ketch the Thunder in that Hurricane.

The Ship Industry, William Clark, Commander, laden with Naval Stores; and the Ship Boston, George Calcott, Commander, laden with Provisions, who sailed from Spithead under Convoy of Vice-Admiral Davers the 18th of November last, are arrived here.

Capt. Clarke, in the Drake Sloop, returned to this Port the 22d inst, and has brought in a large French Ship of 12 Carriage Guns, and 24 Men, laden with Sugar, Cocos, and Indigo, which he took near Corodon, who came from St. Martin's, bound to Bourdeaux.

BANKRUPTS.

Edward Roybould, of the Parish of St. James, Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, Turner.

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Giles Shurmer, of the Borough of Devizes in the County of Wilts, Woolstapler and Chapman.

John Shurmer, of the City of Bath, Mealman and Chapman.

High Water this Day	Morning	Evening
at London-Bridge.	5 of 18	5 of 54

Bank Stock, 147 1-half. India, 182 1-half to 3-4th. South Sea, 108 1-half to 109. Old Annuity, 111. New ditto, 109 1-half to 108-8ths. Three per Cent. 90 1-4th. Ditto 1743, 90 1-8th to 1-4th. Ditto 1744, 90 1-8th to 1-4th. Ditto 1745, 89 1-8th. Seven per Cent. Loan, Nothing done. Five per Cent. ditto, No-

thing done. Royal Assurance, 84 1-half. London Assurance, 11 1-4th. India Bonds, 1 l. 13 s. 10 17 s. Bank Circulation, 4 l. 2 s. 6 d. Salt Taxes, Nothing done. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders, Nothing done. Three per Cent. ditto. Nothing done. Million Bank, 11 s. Equivalent, 110. Tickets, 11 l. 1 s.

African-House, April 5. 1745.

THIS is to give Notice, that the General Court of the Royal African Company of England, which was appointed to be held here on the 3d Day of this Month, and was deferred to the 9th, is, for special Reasons, further deferred until Thursday the 11th.

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